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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 20198-00053-US In re Application of Sylvie Veriac et al. Filed Application Number 09/527,028-Conf. #1839 March 16, 2000 REAGENT FOR DETERMINATION OF LEUCOCYTES AND MEASUREMENT OF HAEMOGLOBIN IN A SAMPLE OF BLOOD Art Unit 1641 Examiner G. Gabel This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) 110.00 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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